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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SURINAM REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON IMPROPER
PAYMENTS

REF: A) PARAMARIBO 727 B) STATE 207249 C) PARAMARIBO 752

1. WE PROPOSE RESPONDING MINISTER HOOST'S INQUIRY ON
IMPROPER PAYMENTS IN SURINAM (REF A) WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE
COVERING POINTS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW AND SUBJECT
TO YOUR CONCURRENCE.

2. NOTE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MINISTRY OF GENERAL AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS INDICATED BY DIRECTOR VAN DER GELD
(REF C).

3. (BEGIN OPENING PARA OF EMBASSY'S NOTE TO MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS)..."AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO MINISTER
HOOST'S NOTE (N. 217/76) OF AUGUST 14, 1976, REQUESTING
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INFORMATION ON ALLEGED IMPROPER PAYMENTS MADE BY THE ITT,

THE ALCOA AND REYNOLDS ALUMINUM COMPANIES TO GOVERNMENT BODIES AND/OR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN SURINAM.

"THE EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT, BASED ON ALCOA AND REYNOLDS'

REPORTS,THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) IS CONDUCTING AN INQUIRY ON PAYMENTS MADE ABROAD BY THESE FIRMS. AS OF THIS DATE, THIS INQUIRY HAS NOT REVEALED ANY DOCUMENTS INDICATING IMPROPER PAYMENTS IN SURINAM. FURTHER, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SEC INQUIRY DOES NOT INVOLVE THE ITT. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM HAVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST IN THE FUTURE FOR DOCUMENTS ARISING OUT OF AN INVESTIGATION BY UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES BASED ON INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SUCH IMPROPER PAYMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE, THE EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND...(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)." ROBINSON

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